



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 760

LCO No. 3524



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF AN IMAGE OR A VIDEO OF
A FATAL ACCIDENT UNTIL A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER
HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) Any representative of the
2 press or other news media who takes a photographic, digital or other
3 visual image or video of the scene of a motor vehicle accident in which
4 a person was killed may not transmit, disseminate, broadcast or
5 otherwise publish such image or video until receiving confirmation
6 from the police officer, agency or other individual investigating such
7 accident that a member of the person's family or household has been
8 notified of the fatality pursuant to section 14-108a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit members of the news media from publishing images or videos of a fatal accident scene prior to notification of a family or household member of the fatality.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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